Causes for under utilisation of the opacity include the following:

(i) Operation of Tarapur units at a reduced power level due to uncertainty in fuel supply from the USA.

(ii) Equipment problems such as reduced capacity of secondary steam generators at Tarapur, repeated turbine blade failures at Rajasthan, turbogenerator vibrations and failure of main transformer at Madras.

(iii) Non-functioning of RAPS-1 since March, 1982 due to endshield problem.

Shortfall in the minimum needs programme

•166. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any shortfall in the outlay on the Minimum Needs Programme for the year 1985-86; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Increase in prices of televisions

157. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI-CKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of television sets, both black and white and colour, have gone Up recently; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): [(a) and *(b)* Ex-factory price of Black & White sets have generally remained more or less at the same level during the last six months. However, recently there has been a marginal increase in the price of Colour Television sets due to the substantial increase in the prices of imported TV components on account of increase in exchange rate *vis-a-vis* Yen and DM.

Hindi versions of the press release issued by Press Information Bureau

•158. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHU-SIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Press Information Bureau, New Delhi, is issuing Press Release/Bulletin to all the Press Correspondents accredited with PIB;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only English version is being sent regularly to the accredited English newspace, correspondents and Hindi version is not sometimes being supplied to accredited Hindi Newspaper* correspondents;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the Hindi version of such Press Release/Bulletin is sent to accredite Hindi Newspapers correspondents daily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJ1T PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is the normal practice in the Press Information Bureau to release press material both in Hindi and English. However, at times, particularly when some last minute developments, take place, the Bureau is unable to issue the material both in Hindi and English.

(d) Within the financial and administrative constraints, it is the constant endeavour of the Bureau to im-

prove its service in Hindi.

स्वचालित दूरभाष केन्द्रों में वातानुकूलित संयंत्र

*159. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कितने स्वचालित दूरभाष केन्द्रों कितने वातानुकूलित प्लान्ट चालू हालत में हैं;

(ख) ये प्लान्ट वर्ष में औसतन कितने दिन काम करते हैं तथा इनके रख-रखाव पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाती है; और

(ग) किन-किन फर्मों से ये वातानुकूलित प्लान्ट लगवाये गये हैं ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) भारत में स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों की कुल संख्या 9789 है तथा दिनांक 31-3-86 को स्थिति के अनुसार इन एक्सचेंजों में 291 वातानुकूलन संयंत्र काम कर रहे हैं।

(ख) ये संयंत्र स्थान की स्थिति के अनुसार औसतन एक वर्ष में 3 से 12 महीने तक कार्य करते हैं अर्थात् किसी अर्द्ध पहाड़ी क्षेत्र में संयंत्र 3 महीनों तक चलता रहता है जबकि दक्षिणी क्षेत्र वाले एक्सचेंजों में यह पूरे वर्ष चलता रहता है।

प्रत्येक संयंत्र पर रख-रखाव का औसत खर्चा लगभग 20,000/- रु० है।

(ग) वातानुकूलन संयंत्रों की सप्लाई करने वाली फर्मों के नाम संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं जिसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

वातानुकूलित प्लान्टों को मुहैया कर रही फर्मों के नाम

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2. एयर कन्डीशनिंग कारपोरेशन
3. एटलान्टिक इन्जीनियर्स
4. एसोसिएटेड
5. आर के एयरकंडिशनिंग एन्ड रेफ्रिजिरेशन
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8. स०० डाक्टर एन्ड कम्पनी
9. ड०० ज०० रेफ्रिजिरेशन एन्ड एयरकंडीशनिंग कम्पनी
10. फ्रिक इन्डिया लिमिटेड
11. किर्लोस्कर लिमिटेड
12. एन० ड०० प०० सा
13. सीजनं कन्ट्रोल प्राइवेट लिमिटेड
14. यूटिलिट इन्ज नियर्स
15. व०० के० इन्टरप्राइसेंस
16. विरेन इन्टरप्राइसेस
17. इलैक्ट्री फ्रीज
18. ग्रोवज कॉटन लिमिटेड
19. आर्को
20. यार्क इण्डिया
21. के० जी० खोसला
22. वोल्टाज ।

Telecast of Hindi News Bulletin, from Madras Doordarshan

*160. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTI-RAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Hindi News Bulletin is not being telecast in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Tamil news bulletins are being telecast from Madras Doordarshan. In place of Hindi news bulletin; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider its decision and telecast Hindi news bulletin from Madras Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT